

## PATENT APPLICATION

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Intellectual Property Administration  
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Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass \_\_\_\_\_

Prior application:


Examiner: R. Flandro

Art Unit: 3679

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Signature: REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a

- (X) continuation application of:  
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 10/080,168 filed Feb. 21, 2002

Title SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BI-DIRECTIONAL ACCESS TO A FASTENING DEVICEName of applicant(s) Sean W. TuckerCopy of Application

- ( ) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
(X) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- ( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy  
of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s);

This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional  
of copending application number 10/080,168 filed on Feb. 21, 2002,  
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointing of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to:

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Other Amendments

- ( ) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

Fee Calculation


- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	8 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 — 3	0	X \$86	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$290	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$340.00 ); Utility ( \$770.00 )				\$ 770
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 770
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 770

Charge \$ 770 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sean W. Tucker**

By   
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Date: **January 2, 2004**

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